

# GERMAN DELEGATION IN PARIS TO PARLEY ON SCAPA FLOW PAYMENT

The New Commission Is Composed Largely of Marine Men, Representing Some of the Concerns Which Built Up Germany's Former Greatness.

## ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATES WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT

German Note in Reply to an Allied Communication Demanding the Signing of Protocol Was Taken Up by Supreme Council To-day—Portion of the Note Was Sent to Legal Experts.

Paris, Dec. 16.—A new German delegation, which has come to Paris to discuss compensation for the sinking of the German warships in Scapa Flow, arrived this morning.

The delegation, which is presided over by Commander Beudinger, a member of the commercial department of the German foreign ministry, consists of Rudolph Brohm, representative of the Hamburg shippers; Councillor Blich of the ministry of public works; Dr. Pelzer, director of the Hamburg-American line; Dr. Peters, director of the Weser shippers; and a representative of the Hamburg government and Paul Muller, representative of three groups of seamen.

The delegation arrived in a special car attached to the ordinary express train. There was no incident at the station, but the crowds regarded the Germans with interest.

The German note in reply to the allied communication demanding the signing of the peace protocol was taken up by the supreme council at this morning's session. It was decided that a meeting of allied experts with the German shipping experts should be held this afternoon.

## GERMANY WOULD GIVE WHAT SHE DOESN'T NEED

That Is the German Government's Idea of Compensation for Scapa Flow Sinking.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The German government's idea regarding compensation for the sinking of the Scapa Flow fleet is to offer such harbor material as can be spared without seriously disturbing Germany's economic life, according to the Morgen Post. The remainder of the amount of tonnage decided upon as compensation would be delivered in installments from the new production of the German shipbuilding industry.

## NEW ENGLAND MEN ENTER A PROTEST

Against Promotion of Officers of Junior Rank Over Major General Edwards, Formerly of the 26th Division.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—A delegation of senators and representatives from Massachusetts called on Secretary Baker to-day to protest the promotion of a number of officers of junior rank over Major General Edwards, formerly commander of the 26th (New England National Guard) division.

## HOLD-UP MAN KILLED.

His Companion Arrested and Victim Probably Fatally Wounded.

Cleveland, Dec. 16.—Patrolman Tanakas shot and killed a bandit, said to be Arthur Cameron, early to-day while the man and companion were holding up John Van Iken, a restaurant keeper. In the exchange of shots, Van Iken was shot through the neck and probably fatally wounded by one of the bandits. The second robber was captured.

## HOME-BREW FATAL.

Man and Woman Were Poisoned at Easton, Pa.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Betty White and Robert A. Lahar last night drank a liquid which they supposed was whiskey at a party at Mrs. White's house. Both died to-day. The authorities say they were poisoned by the home-brewed liquor.

## INVESTIGATE MARTENS.

Is Proposal Introduced in Congress To-day.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Investigation of the activities and status of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled "Russian soviet ambassador," was proposed in a resolution introduced to-day by Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa. It was referred to the foreign relations committee, which would make the inquiry.

## SEEKING FOR "LEAKS" ON DECISIONS

Department of Justice at Washington Trying to Find Out Who Is Responsible for Giving Out Advance Information.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Department of justice officials continued to-day investigation of reports of alleged "leaks" on supreme court decisions, which were being used as tips for stock speculation. A minor official of the department and an attaché of the supreme court were implicated in the charges, but Captain Burke, chief of the bureau of investigation of the justice department, declared that so far no basis for the charges had been discovered.

In a verbal statement last night, Captain Burke said that "Mr. B. E. Moses" with offices in the Munsey building, Washington, had been reported by Martin Pew, manager of the International News service for an alleged attempt to secure financial backing from a friend of Pew to play the stock market on advance information of supreme court decisions.

"Moses told Pew's friend," Captain Burke said, "that he had been doing this for some time, but he did not have sufficient funds to make the profit he might make if he had financial backing. The friend of Pew insisted that before he could get the finances which Moses desired he would have to be convinced that advance information on the supreme court decision was absolutely obtainable. He told him that on Nov. 16, the man who furnished him (Moses) with the information was employed in the department of justice in Washington. Furthermore, that this man was with Moses in New York on Sunday, Nov. 16, and that on Monday morning they went down town and placed Southern Pacific short closing out when the stock dropped three points. They made some money but they did not say how much. Later Southern Pacific was being played the other way so obviously, they had correct information on the court's decision in the Southern Pacific oil land cases."

Moses was interrogated by William Flynn, director of the investigation of the department of justice, Mr. Burke said, and denied getting his information from an employee of the department of justice as was claimed, or that the latter was getting it in turn from an attaché of the supreme court, Moses, according to Burke, said he had made his deduction on the future movements of the stock as any lawyer might have done from the general information on the Southern Pacific case. He denied also there was a leak in the supreme court.

Captain Burke said the official in question holds a minor position in the department of justice and that he denies he knew anyone in the supreme court who would give out any such information or that he had been in any such leak as was charged.

"The attaché of the supreme court denies also that he had any connection with the affair and there is nothing to show that he did," Captain Burke added.

However, he said, the investigation would be continued.

Clerk Maher denies any "leak." James D. Maher, clerk of the supreme court, denied to-day that there was any "leak" in his office on the court's prohibition decision yesterday and said he knew nothing of an investigation being made by the department of justice.

"There was no leak here, if there was any leak," Mr. Maher said.

Associate Justice Brandeis, who wrote and delivered the prohibition opinion yesterday, declined to comment on reports of a "leak."

## OUTDOORS IN COLD.

Pres. Wilson Spent an Hour on White House Porch.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—President Wilson spent more than an hour on the south porch of the White House to-day despite the extremely cold weather. Rear Admiral Grayson, the president's physician, said Mr. Wilson desired to take automobile rides, but that he had not approved for fear the president might get cold.

## NORMAL COAL DISTRIBUTION.

Had Been Restored To-day—Railroad Administration Distributes Alcohol.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Virtually normal conditions in the distribution of coal have been restored. The railroad administration to-day began delivering alcohol as billed, except in some few emergency cases, where division will be necessary. The order reducing by 25 per cent the amount of coal permitted to be raked also was rescinded.

## CLAIM 1,300 BRITISH TROOPS WIPED OUT

Hostile Population in a Persian Town Is Reported to Have Risen Against Troops.

London, Dec. 16.—Thirteen hundred British troops in Persia have been wiped out by the hostile population, it is claimed in a Moscow wireless message reaching here to-day. The troops, the dispatch says, comprised the garrison of the town of Meshed (possibly Meshed, in northeastern Persia) north-west of Herat, Afghanistan.

## Empty.

"I often see Liqueurs in a brown study," but his ruminations are always futile.

"In other words, his train of thought is made up entirely of empties, eh?" Boston Transcript.

## ALLIES VOTE AID TO AUSTRIA

Supreme Council Will Send 30,000 Tons Foodstuffs to That Country

## DECLARE AMERICA IS NECESSARY

In Order to Accord Credits to Austria in the Purchase of Food

Paris, Dec. 16.—Initial measures of relief for Austria were taken by the supreme council to-day after that body had heard a lengthy presentation of his nation's difficulties by Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor. It was decided that as a first step in relieving the Austrian food shortage, 30,000 tons of food should be dispatched to Trieste to be shipped thence into Austrian territory.

The general opinion expressed in the council was that the co-operation of the United States in the Austrian relief measures was absolutely necessary and that the credits for the purchases which Austria must make could be accorded only by America.

Although it was officially announced that the health of Premier Clemenceau was perfectly satisfactory this morning, and no bulletin was issued, the meeting of the council was held at his residence.

The council took up the question of the desire of Vorarlberg, the principalities in the northwest Tyrol, to detach itself from Austria. It was decided to use every means to assure the unity of the principality with Austria, as provided for by the treaty of St. Germain.

## MILBURN WAGON CO. LOST A MILLION

Main Plant at Toledo Was Destroyed To-day—Firemen Fought in Below-Zero Temperature.

Toledo, O., Dec. 16.—Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused by the burning early to-day of the main plant of the Milburn Wagon Co. here. Firemen fought the fire in a below-zero temperature. Trains on the New York Central to Detroit were delayed by piling of wreckage on the tracks.

## MURDERER DIED IN PRISON.

Joseph W. Blondin Killed His Wife in Lowell 20 Years Ago.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Joseph W. Blondin, a wife murderer whose crime caused a sensation nearly 20 years ago, died at the state prison to-day. A fellow prisoner, a physician, made every effort to save him, but Blondin's life ebbed with the effort. He died at 11:15 this morning. He was 56 years of age.

He killed his wife, Margaret E. Blondin of Lowell, a former mill girl noted for her beauty, on April 27, 1901. The murder was committed in Boston, but the dismembered body of the woman was found in the woods at Chelmsford, near Lowell. The man was a model prisoner, and had earned more than \$2,000 while in prison through the manufacture and sale of cane. Much of this money he invested in Liberty bonds and war savings stamps or contributed to the Red Cross.

## BAKER ADMITS MURDER OF DWIGHT CHAPMAN

Man on Trial at Worcester, Mass., Pleaded Guilty to Second Degree.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 16.—The trial of Harry Baker and his wife, Eleanor Baker, charged with the first degree murder of Dwight P. Chapman in Westboro on June 9, was brought to an abrupt end at 1:15 this afternoon when Baker entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree.

Baker was immediately sentenced by Judge James H. Sisk to state prison for life. Mrs. Baker pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact, and was sentenced to serve one year in the house of correction.

## TO FORCE DEPORTATION.

Bill Introduced in the House Would Rid Country of I. W. W. Aliens.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—A bill defining radicalism and designed primarily, Chairman Johnson said, to force the deportation of labor to arrest and deport all alien members of the I. W. W. and kindred organizations was reported to the House to-day by the immigration committee.

## NO MORE EIGHT-CENT SUGAR

For Civilian Employees of United States Navy Yards.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Civilian employees of navy yards cannot purchase sugar from the navy stores after Dec. 30, according to an order from Secretary Daniels received to-day. Recently they have been allowed two pounds a week at eight cents a pound.

## LIQUOR MEN IN NEW FIGHT

Attack Prohibition Amendment in Action Before U. S. Supreme Court

## SEEK INJUNCTION ON ENFORCEMENT

Want the Amendment Declared to Be Unconstitutional

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Permission to institute original proceedings to have the national prohibition amendment declared unconstitutional and New Jersey and federal authorities enjoined from enforcing it was asked of the supreme court to-day by the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of New Jersey.

This was the first question as to the validity of the constitutional amendment to reach the supreme court. George W. Tucker of New York presented the motion, together with a printed brief prepared by the association, and the court will announce later whether permission to institute the suit will be granted.

In addition to enjoining enforcement of the 18th amendment, the association also would ask an injunction against enforcement of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act.

Defendants named in the proceedings were the state of New Jersey, which refused to ratify the constitutional amendment, Attorney General Palmer, Joseph L. Bodine, United States attorney for New Jersey, and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Daniel C. Roper.

The association's brief alleged that the constitutional amendment was an interference with the state police power, a violation of the fifth constitutional amendment, which prohibits the taking of private property without just compensation, that neither Congress nor the state legislatures had authority to propose or ratify the amendment, and that the amendment when passed by the House does not receive the support of two-thirds of the members.

The constitution provides, but only of two-thirds of the members present.

## LIQUOR MEN MAY SUE GOVERNMENT

Claim That Decision of Superior Court Virtually Confiscates Liquor They Hold.

New York, Dec. 16.—Lawyers representing large liquor interests in New York intimated to-day that a civil action against the United States government might be the next step in the fight against prohibition, and that compensation for losses estimated at \$300,000,000 would be sought. The lawyers asserted that the decision of the supreme court virtually confiscated the liquor held there.

Local banking circles will be but little affected by the court's decision, it was said. Large loans were outstanding on warehouse receipts earlier in the year, but nearly all have been liquidated in recent months.

The dismay with which the liquor trade received the news yesterday increased to-day. So confident were the "wet" that a favorable decision would be handed down that preparations were complete for delivery of thousands of dollars' worth of liquor at short notice. The dealers said it would now be physically impossible to ship the liquor in stock to foreign countries before January 18.

The man who has been cultivating a highly educated thirst in anticipation of resumption of the sale over the bar, benighted to-day the probability of exorbitant prices for a drink "on the quiet."

Some quotations on the "unofficial" market were: Champagne \$225 a case; imported brandy \$150 a case; Scotch whiskey \$250 a case; rye whiskey \$15 a bottle, and benedictine \$30 a quart. Individual prices in saloons depended entirely upon the bartender.

## INJUNCTION DISSOLVED.

Had Been Secured at St. Louis by Anti-Prohibition Men.

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Motions to dissolve the temporary injunctions issued against the federal attorney and the collector of internal revenue here on Dec. 9, restraining them from interfering with the sale of whiskey, were granted by United States Judge Fair in court here to-day.

## PRESS THE CHARGES AGAINST HOWAT

But Continue the Cases Against 83 Officials of the United Mine Workers.

Indianapolis, Dec. 16.—Charges of contempt of court against 84 officials of the United Mine Workers of America, with one exception, were continued this morning by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson, until such a date as it is deemed advisable to bring the cases before the court. The exception was the charge against Alexander Howat, president of Kansas district of the mine workers, who is charged with conspiracy to violate of the court's injunction against furtherance of the coal strike.

## ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS FIRE

Broke Out in Ship Being Loaded at New York To-day.

New York, Dec. 16.—Fire of unknown origin damaged the cargo in the fore hold of the Mallory line steamship Henry R. Mallory early to-day. The ship was loading with a general cargo and was scheduled to sail this week for Constantinople.

During the war the vessel was used as a transport.

## NEW RECOMMENDATIONS ON RAILROAD RETURN

There Is No Hint as to What Director General Hines Favors—Nor Does Pres. Wilson Say What He Plans to Do.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—New recommendations from Director General Hines as to the return of the railroads to private control are before President Wilson. Neither Mr. Hines nor White House officials will say what the recommendations are or whether they advocate a departure from the president's announced purpose to return the roads by Jan. 1. Nor has there been any indication as to when the president will issue a proclamation surrendering the roads or announce a change in his plans.

Some administration officials believe the fate of railroad legislation in Congress will be a determining factor in whatever is done. Many officials think it would be disastrous industrially to surrender the roads without adequate legislation to meet their changed status.

Meantime, however, preparations are going forward at the railroad administration for turning the roads back in accordance with the decision announced by President Wilson in his message to Congress last July.

Surrender of the roads would make very little difference in actual operation, in the opinion of officials, as the lines now are being operated by their own employees and except for a shift in reports there will be little change. The legal and accounting divisions of the railroad administration probably will be materially increased when the railroads are surrendered, to wind up the government accounts with the corporations, but the other divisions will go out of existence quickly, officials said.

## DEER ARE PLENTY DESPITE BIG KILL

Wardens Report That the Animals Are Coming Down Out of the Mountains, Now That the Hunters Have Gone.

The report of deer killed in the open season has been increased to 3,901, 83 having been reported this morning. Several of the counties have no reports this morning. The reports are: Addison, 1; Bennington, 34; Caledonia, 1; Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, 2 each; Lamoille, 3; Orleans, 10; Windham, 16; Windsor, 0.

One of the interesting things about the correspondence is that the game wardens reported plenty of deer left, indicating a much greater number than is generally seen after the open season. The deer are coming back from the mountains, where they had been driven during the open season.

## CONFERENCE IN MONTEPELIER.

As Part of the Interchurch World Movement.

As a part of the interchurch world movement, Washington county leaders are to hold a training conference on Wednesday and Thursday of this week in the Methodist church at Montpelier, which will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Davidson, secretary of the Vermont Baptist state convention, Rev. C. Merrill, secretary of the Vermont Congregational conference, Rev. W. R. Davenport, Methodist district superintendent, Prof. Raymond McFarland, Vermont executive secretary of the interchurch world movement, Dr. George H. Spencer, secretary of the Vermont and Massachusetts Bible society, Philip T. H. Pierson, chairman state board of charities and probations, Miss Grace M. Brooks of St. Albans and Rev. Charles H. Bennett of Hinesburg.

The program for the meetings is as follows: Wednesday afternoon—2: "The Hour of Christian Opportunity," Dr. Spencer; 3: "The Scope and Significance of the Interchurch World Movement," Professor McFarland; 4, the intercession. Evening—7:30, "Have We the Resources?" Dr. Hamilton; 8:15, "Have We the Method and Organization?" Dr. Davidson, of the intercession.

Thursday forenoon—9: "Living Sacrifices for Live Men," P. T. H. Pierson; 9:45, "The World's Need and the Church's Opportunity," Miss Grace M. Brooks; 10:45, the intercession; 11, denominational meetings; 12:30, dinner. Afternoon—1:30, meeting and organization of the advisory committee; 2:30, "Christianizing the Community Through Co-operation," Rev. C. H. Bennett; 3: "Where and Whither," Rev. C. C. Merrill; 4, intercession; 4:15, adjournment.

## BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SIGN.

Case in Barre Illustrates How Badly You May Be Fooled.

Business people should be very careful in signing their name to any document presented by strangers as in giving money. A case in point occurred this year when, during the late spring, two young women appeared in Barre and vicinity soliciting advertisements for a certain publication. Some of the advertisers paid at the time, and in addition to signing an application blank for the advertising, also signing a plain sheet of paper. A number of other business names appeared on the latter. So far as known, the advertisement never appeared in the publication in question.

Four months after the original solicitation a man appeared collecting for the advertisement, even from those who had originally paid and exhibiting a loose leaf copy of what was supposed to be the firm's advertisement. When a copy of the publication was requested by the advertiser, some excuse was made about it being sent late. The third act came early after when another man appeared with the large plain sheet with the various names thereon which he claimed represented applications for advertisements in an entirely different publication, which, by the way, was found to be non-existent. He also had no copy of the alleged publication to deliver. Thus, some of the advertisers paid three times for something which they never obtained.

While the character and nature of the publications solicited for are skillfully changed to harmonize with the spirit of the time, the general method of procedure remains the same. So be careful what you sign. The quarry owners and granite manufacturers now refer all such solicitors to their secretary for investigation.

## HOSPITAL NEEDS ENDOWMENT

Executive Committee Reports Growing Need of Financial Support

## 1919 EXPENDITURES NOT QUITE MET

Although Public Was Generous in Rendering Support

The annual meeting of the Barre City Hospital association was held in the city court room last evening, when reports for the year were made and officers elected. The reports submitted by the executive committee, the treasurer and superintendent are printed below and show the work of the hospital for the year. The executive committee's report says:

To the Trustees of the Barre City Hospital:

"The year 1919 has been an uneventful one in the history of the hospital. There have been no epidemics, but only the usual routine of caring for the sick and injured, though the number cared for has been larger than in any normal year since the opening of the hospital. Through the aid given by the public the year's finances are in better shape than they were a year ago, though the income has not fully met the expenditures of the year.

"In addition to the funds received from the year just closed was \$20, and the number of days' nursing was 6,763, or a daily average of 18-1/2 patients. The income from patients was \$13,350.00. The call for free service has not been as large as in some years, but a free bed was furnished for 316 days.

"In addition to the funds received from the drive of last December the hospital has received a donation of materials from the local Red Cross society, the gift of several hundred dollars' worth of gauze from the national Red Cross, and larger than usual donation of materials and supplies and food on bag day. One gift of \$100 from a former citizen has been added to the endowment fund.

"The late Dr. Prentiss Kent of Montpelier provided in his will that eventually his home place shall come to the Barre City hospital, and the will of Mrs. R. W. Fowler of Worcester, who passed away last April, provides for a Stillman Wood fund of \$1,000 to be paid out of the estate to the hospital and other contributions contingent upon family usage. The ladies' aid has continued its activities in behalf of the hospital and is deserving of much praise for its constant efforts.

"Nearly all public institutions are to-day seeking larger endowments to meet the growing expense of maintaining them. Some move should be made to secure an endowment sufficient to permit the Barre City hospital to meet its annual expenses and at the same time allow of the hospital's extending its usefulness to the public of Barre and surrounding towns."

## Treasurer's Report.

Barre, Vt., Dec. 1, 1919.

To the Officers and Members of the Barre City Hospital Association:

I herewith submit my report as treasurer of the Barre City Hospital association for the year ending Dec. 1, 1919:

1918  
Dec. 9 cash on hand ..... \$143.25  
Cash received from superintendent as income donation ..... 13,161.05  
Cash received from hospital drives, etc. .... 4,850.45  
Church offerings ..... 34.97  
George Green and Squag Holler ..... 2,670.45  
Italian Picnic club dance ..... 341.88  
Old timers' dance ..... 30.00  
Fund care Mrs. Stone ..... 1,000.00  
D. M. Miles Coal company donation ..... 113.45  
F. E. Langley, do ..... 600.00  
Miscellaneous donations ..... 13.10  
Income Ira C. Calf endowments ..... 770.00  
Income Elizabeth Smith endowment ..... 40.20  
Dec. 1, balance, cash on hand ..... \$23,471.76  
\$23,768.89 \$23,768.89

The following list of securities are held by me as treasurer:

Ira C. Calf, endowment, N. Y. City bonds ..... \$3,000.00  
Ira C. Calf, endowment, town of Swanton bonds ..... 2,000.00  
Ira C. Calf, endowment, Barre bonds ..... 5,000.00  
Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., book 13,403 ..... 47.60  
Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co., George Gray fund, pass book No. 15,596 ..... 100.00  
Granite Savings Bank & Trust Co., hold securities amounting to \$10,000.00, being a part of the Ira C. Calf endowment fund. The Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. holds as trustee the Elizabeth Smith fund amounting to \$1,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Mackay, Treasurer.

## Superintendent's Report.

No. patients in house Dec. 1, 1918 ..... 9  
No. patients in house Dec. 1, 1919 ..... 16  
No. admissions ..... 480  
(Male, 179; female, 163; surgical, 253; medical, 89; obstetrical, 73; births, 65.)  
No. patients discharged ..... 408

## 700 PINTS WHISKEY STOLEN FROM CAPITOL

Charles W. Va., Dec. 16.—Seven hundred pints of whiskey were stolen last night from the West Virginia capitol here. The whiskey had been confiscated by the state prohibition department and was stored in lockers in the State House until legal disposition could be made of it.

(Males, 217; females, 251; deaths, 20.)

Maximum number of patients any day ..... 37  
Minimum number of patients any day ..... 4  
Average number of patients any day ..... 18-1/2  
No. days' nursing ..... 6,763  
No. days' nursing free ..... 316  
No. days' nursing for babies ..... 828  
Dec. 1, 1918, cash on hand ..... \$76.49  
Earned and collected ..... 13,350.51  
(Mrs. Stone's account included)

Outside nursing ..... 78.36  
Contribution ..... 4.53  
Collected back accounts ..... 936.68  
Collected breakage and incidentals ..... 44.16  
\$14,642.34

Cash paid treasurer ..... \$13,318.95  
Cash to treasurer by Mrs. Stone ..... 1,000.00  
Paid salaries ..... 129.82  
Incidentals ..... 94.97  
Refunds to patients ..... 95.02  
Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1919 ..... 4.68  
Amount earned free service in 1919 ..... 414.93  
Amount earned free service in 1918, influenza ..... 461.00  
No. X-ray patients ..... 69  
X-ray expenditures ..... 171.16  
Cash on hand ..... 47.71  
Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret J. Walker, R. N., Supt.  
Examined and found correct Dec. 11, 1919.  
George N. Tilden, Auditor.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. O. G. Stickney; vice-president, Dr. W. D. Reid; clerk, H. W. Scott; trustees for three years, F. G. Howland, Guy R. Varnum, B. Lucchini and Clyde W. Perry.

## VERMONT TEACHERS REPORTING ON H. C. OF L.

State Commissioner Hillegas Expects to Have the Replies in Hand By Thursday to Present to Directors at Burlington.

M. B. Hillegas, state commissioner of education, is receiving reports from the teachers in the state and expects by Thursday to have received a report from practically every teacher in the state relative to salary, the cost of board and what money has been expended in professional training in the last three years. The purpose is to place this information before the school directors when they meet in Burlington Thursday. The reports thus far show that the teachers are not getting the increased cost of living, and he is ascertaining some surprising information upon the conditions, especially as to the superintendents, where both horses and automobiles have to be kept in order to do their business the year around.

## TEACHERS TO ASK MORE.

They Held Informal Discussion with Barre School Board.

The executive committee of the Teachers' association went before the Barre school commissioners as an informal meeting last evening and discussed the matter of advancing living costs and teachers' salaries. The teachers are planning to present a petition to the school commissioners the latter part of this week, asking for increased salaries.

## POULTRY SHOW IN BARRE

Will Be Held at Pavilion on Pearl St., Dec. 23, 24 and 25.

The Vermont Poultry association, with headquarters in Barre, will have its annual poultry exhibition at the Pavilion on Pearl street, Barre, on Dec. 23, 24 and 25; and the members of the association are looking forward to an instructive show as there will be utility as well as exhibition classes in the coops. In addition, there will be a government expert on hand to point out the best strains of poultry to keep for laying purposes.

In both the utility and the exhibition classes there will be good prizes offered, both regular and special. The premium lists may be secured now from the secretary, W. J. Oliver, or at Manistay's fruit store in Barre.

## TWO \$50,000 CORPORATIONS.

One Located in Springfield and the Other in Stowe.